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Department of the Interior

Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Montoya:

We received your June 29, 1987, letter advising us of your intent, contingent upon appropriations, to request DOE's continued support of the Enewetak food related programs and the Bikini Atoll Rehabilitation Committee (BARC) work at Bikini. We agree that appropriations appear certain and you can count on NV, pursuant to PL 99-239 and your request, to provide this assistance.

We particularly are supportive of an FY 1988 Enewetak program directed towards the training of the local population, in coordination with the RMI government, to take control of the program. With the training which has already taken place, the fact that several thousand coconut trees are bearing, and with the improved RMI transportation system, we believe that direct federal involvement can and should be greatly diminished or preferably ended after FY 1988. A significant factor for all of us to consider is that there is a very strong probability that DOE will not have a full-time chartered vessel in the Marshall Islands after July 1988. We ask that DOI draft a new DOE/DOI Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). I will ask Harry Brown of my staff and our Pacific Area Support Office (PASO) to draft a Scope of Work for your review and approval. This should be in your hands about September 1, ready to be finalized concurrent with the appropriation.

As to Bikini, Dr. Robison, LLNL, and Dr. Kohn, BARC, are now preparing a statement of work to be used as the basis of Amendment No. 4 to our existing agreement. As in past years, this would be concurred in by Dr. Kohn and Harry Brown, and sent to you as the basis for final DOI/DOE-NV signature.

We will look to Larry Morgan to advise us as to the status of the appropriation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Nick C. Aquilina

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Record Note: This has been coordinated with J. H. Dryden, PASO

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